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SUMMARY: GOP IS SEEKING ASSURANCES FROM SECURITY COUNCIL
PERMANENT MEMBERS THAT NUCLEAR POWERS WILL NOT USE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR STATES AND THAT SC
MEMBERS WILL "COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY" TAKE ACTION
TO PROTECT NON-NUCLEAR STATES AGAINST THREATS BY NUCLEAR
POWERS. END SUMMARY.

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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI BRIEFED HEADS OF MISSION MEETING IN VARIOUS GROUPS, MAY 28 ON GOP DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE TO DETONATION OF INDIAN NUCLEAR DEVICE MAY 18. AIDE MEMOIRE, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS BEING SENT TO ALL UN MEMBERS, WAS HANDED OUT AT MEETING AND WAS TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL.

2. SHAHI GAVE LENGTHY REVIEW OF HISTORY OF NPT NEGOTIATIONS AND NON-NUCLEAR POWERS' ACTIONS IN SEEKING ASSURANCES AGAINST NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL ALONG LINES OF HIS PRESENTATION BEFORE 621TH PLENARY MEETING OF CCD (GENEVA). SHAHI SAID GOP HAD NOT BEEN REASSURED BY RECENT LETTER FROM MRS. GANDHI ON PEACEFUL INTENT OF MAY 18 INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED PAKISTAN SAW INDIAN ACTION IN GLOBAL CONTEXT: EMERGENCE OF 6TH NUCLEAR POWER MEANT EFFECTIVE END OF NPT, SHOWED THAT UNSC RESOLUTION 255 ASSURANCES WERE "ILLUSIONARY" AND SUGGESTED THAT NUCLEAR ARMS RACE WILL SPREAD. PAKISTAN, HE SAID, CONSIDERED THE THREAT UNPRECEDENTED AND, WHILE NOT UNDERESTIMATING OBSTACLES IN WAY OF ESTABLISHING NEW ORDER, WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT SECURITY GUARANTEES WHICH AMOUNTED TO NO MORE THAN "TINKERING" WITH EXISTING ASSURANCES.

3. SHAHI SAID PAKISTAN PROPOSES: (A) THAT ALL UNSC NUCLEAR STATES SHOULD BE PARTIES TO ASSURANCES; AND (B) THAT UNSC ASSURANCES SHOULD NOT BE ONLY STATEMENT OF INTENT BY NUCLEAR STATES BUT SHOULD ALSO CARRY OBLIGATIONS. OBLIGATIONS PAKISTAN SEEKS ARE TWOFOLD: THAT NUCLEAR POWERS WILL NOT USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR STATES AND THAT NUCLEAR POWERS WILL COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT NON-NUCLEAR STATES IN EVENT OF NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL OR THREAT FROM NUCLEAR POWER. SHAHI ALLUDED TO PROBLEM OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATIONED IN THIRD COUNTRIES, BUT THOUGHT THAT MEANS COULD BE FOUND TO OVERCOME THIS COMPLICATING FACTOR. HE DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON VETO PROBLEM IN UNSC AS IT RELATED TO ASSURANCES. HE ARGUED THAT ARTICLE 51 OF CHARTER, PROVIDING INHERENT RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE, PERMITS SC PERMANENT MEMBERS TO EXTEND INDIVIDUAL ASSURANCES IN EVENT SC UNABLE TO REACH UNANIMITY ON COLLECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSURANCES IN SPECIFIC INSTANCE. THEREFORE, HE CLAIMED INDIVIDUAL ASSURANCES WOULD IN NO WAY CONFLICT WITH UN CHARTER.

4. SHAHI SAID HE WOULD SOON VISIT PEKING TO EXPLAIN GOP POSITION WHILE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED WOULD VISIT LONDON AND PARIS AFTER HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND OTTAWA AND

PRIME MINISTER WOULD DISCUSS ASSURANCES QUESTION IN
MOSCOW.
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